

Order Paper Questions
STARRED QUESTIONS

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Would you be so kind as to call starred questions Nos. 5,461 and 5,463?

[Text]

*UNIFORMS PROVIDED INSIDE POSTAL WORKERS

Question No. 5,461—Mr. Dinsdale:

1. Were inside postal workers provided recently with uniforms and, if so (a) at what cost (b) for what reason?

2. How often are such uniforms issued?

3. Since the policy was initiated, have any complaints been received from (a) the public (b) postal employees and, if so, in each case, how many?

4. Is the wearing of the uniforms compulsory and, if so, how many employees have refused to wear them?

[English]

Mr. J.-J. Blais (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): 1. (a) \$1,040 million (b) New uniforms were provided to ensure that counter sales staff are dressed as smartly as possible to project a favourable public image.

2. The uniforms are issued on differing criteria. Full-time employees were supplied with a full-time issue as outlined below, and then on the basis of one-half of the full-time issue every year commencing in 1978. "Each employee serving the counter more than 25 hours per week is entitled to the following issue: 1—male or female counter jacket, blue 1—male or female counter jacket, maroon 6—blouses (female) or shirts (male), white, long or short sleeve 4—scarves (female) or ties (male) 1—identification tag. Part-time counter employees are supplied with an issue every two years of the part-time accessories and jackets as outlined below: "Each employee serving the counter more than 10 hours per week is entitled to the following: 1—female or male counter jacket, blue 3—shirts or blouses (long or short sleeve) 2—either scarves or ties 1—identification tag.

3. (a) 15, (b) 5.

4. The uniform is to be worn while on duty, except where heat and humidity make wearing the jacket uncomfortable for an individual employee. Under these circumstances the requirement for the wearing of the jacket may be waived.

[Text]

*CGSB ROLE OPERATIONS

Question No. 5,463—Mr. Cossitt:

1. How many copies of the book entitled: "Canadian Government Specifications Board—Role and Operations" were printed by the Department of Supply and Services in March 1976?

2. Were approximately 125 boxes of the book placed on the street on April 30, 1976, behind the Royal Trust Building in Ottawa for garbage disposal and (a) if so, was it done after dark and for what reason (b) if not, on what date and at what time were they placed on the street?

3. What is the identity and job designations of (a) those who placed the material on the street (b) the highest ranking person giving the instructions to place the material on the street?

4. Were the books picked up and disposed of by the garbage collectors some time before 4.30 a.m.?

5. What are the reasons that this newly printed material was destroyed?

[Mr. Blais.]

6. (a) What is the name and address of the printer of the material (b) what was the total cost of printing?

7. Is the booklet being reprinted and, if so (a) on what date (b) by whom (c) at what cost?

8. Were all copies originally printed disposed of in Ottawa on April 30, 1976 and, if not, where are the remaining copies?

[English]

Mr. Walter Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Supply and Services): 1. 13,820.

2. No. (a) No; (b) On April 26, 90 boxes were placed on the street between 2 and 3 p.m. to make room for the corrected version which arrived that day. (Approximately 40 boxes had been disposed of earlier). The Metcalfe Realty have a contract with Tricil Waste Management Ltd. for pickup and disposal of waste. This service is included in tenant lease arrangements.

3. (a) and (b) The two staff members involved were from the Central Registry Office and are designated as CR2 and CR4.

4. Normal pickup arrangements were followed. Precise time of garbage pickup not known but pickup arrangements by Tricil call for pickup between 6 a.m. and 6:45 a.m.

5. Misprints on cover and title page.

6. (a) Tri-graphic Printing Ltd., 465 Industrial Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario; (b) \$9,340.

7. Yes; (a) Completed and delivered on April 26; (b) Tri-graphic Printing Limited; (c) \$5,570.

8. All but 10 or 12 copies were disposed of on or before April 26. Those known to be holding copies have been asked to destroy them.

[English]

Mr. Blais: I ask, Mr. Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Cossitt: Mr. Speaker, my point of order goes back to a question placed on the order paper on October 14 of last year, No. 3,140. In this question I asked four things: I asked for the amount of legal business given a lawyer named N. Dwayne Dixon, of Smith Falls, within a year of his being appointed president of the Leeds Liberal Association. It also asked for a breakdown of his business. On December 5 the question was answered, in part, that he received within one year \$15,585 worth of business. Then it said the following:

Information will be communicated at a later date to the hon. member in regard to what this business was.

That was seven or eight months ago. The information has not been communicated to me. Accordingly, on May 4 I put two further questions on the order paper, Nos. 5,425 and 5,427, asking why this information was not forthcoming and also asking if it was government policy to award lucrative government business to those who had served the Liberal party as presidents of ridings.

None of these questions has been answered although I have been promised this list for seven months. I think it is legitimate to raise the question, as parliament is about to adjourn for the summer, as to where this list is, why the government is not willing to make it available, and why this man got \$15,000 worth of business shortly after he became president of the Leeds Liberal Association.